

## BONSPIEL HONORS WELL DEVIDED

H. F. McDonald Wins Grand Challenge, Dr. A. G. Scott Takes the Merchants, and W. Brodie the Consolation

With fine curling weather prevailing the final bonspiel was brought to a finish this week. The final game in the Grand Challenge and the Merchants' competition were played off Tuesday night. H. F. McDonald defeated E. P. Currie 8-4 to win the Grand Challenge, and Dr. A. G. Scott won from A. P. Pierson 10-8 to crown the Merchants.

The final game in the consolation was run off Thursday night. W. A. Brodie winning from G. W. Foster 9-8. The standing of the rinks is as follows: Grand Challenge: 1st, H. F. McDonald; 2nd, E. P. Currie; 3rd, A. P. Pierson; 4th, Wm. McLawa. Merchants: 1st, Dr. A. G. Scott; 2nd, A. P. Pierson; 3rd, E. P. Currie; 4th, J. H. Miller. Consolation: 1st, W. A. Brodie; 2nd, G. W. Foster; 3rd, Dr. A. G. Scott; 4th, H. F. McDonald.

Two prizes, first and second, are being given in each competition, and the six prizes in all are distributed to six rinks.

Play in the bonspiel was the 17th last Thursday when the warm weather thawed the ice, but it lightened up again over the week-end, and the curlers were going strong again Monday night.

## TOMMY SUTHERLAND WILL HOLD SALE NEXT WEEK

Tommy Sutherland will hold his big auction sale at his farm near Majorville on Thursday next week, March 26th. This is a very large sale, and includes 50 head of work horses, and also a large quantity of farm machinery; everything from a pitchfork to a threshing outfit. Ben Gray, the Gen. auctioneer, will knock down the stuff to the highest bidder.

## GEM THEATRE

Friday and Saturday this week

### "West Point"

A picture the whole family will enjoy.

Also Comedy, etc.

Admission 15 - 25 - 50c.

## Gem News

GEM, March 25.—Mr. T. Leschke and family returned home on Tuesday after spending several weeks visiting with relatives and friends in Montana, Dakota, and other states. At a later date Miss M. Chambers and C. Douglas will take their turn of practice teaching in the Gem school. At present they are attending Normal school in Calgary. Mayor says that "The Patsy" will be presented by the Gem Players in Bassano on March 26th. "Don't miss it, it's peppy all through."

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson are now settled in the Spring farm. Bert Keeling and Mr. Parrott are enjoying a few days holiday in Calgary.

Mrs. J. Sparks returned on Friday from the Bassano Hospital where she was in Bassano for a few days, receiving medical treatment.

Mr. Dodd is spending a few days in the Baymen district. Mr. P. Clements is busy with these days tearing down the old Silver Grill building in Bassano.

There was a large attendance of farmers from across the river to be seen on the school on Friday night at all enjoying "The Patsy," and the dance.

Mr. Daley, maize inspector, from Muesel, was a business visitor in the Colony on Friday.

Wm. Pollock attended the hospital board meeting held in Bassano on Saturday last.

The farm women in this district will be pleased to know that from April 1st till the end of June Mrs. G. Diekmann will have day old baby chicks for sale. There is now no need to send to B. C. for early chicks. One customer has her order in already for one hundred of the earliest arrival. Mrs. Diekmann's first batch of chickens will be due to be taken from the incubator on Tuesday next.

Mr. E. Small hopes to spend a few pleasant days visiting with friends in Bassano in the near future. Many tons of interest "new" diamonds in reference to the Gem stand.

Even better than "Tell It To The Marines" and "Side Kelly Side"

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Monday and Tuesday next week

### "The End of the Road"

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The purpose of this film is to warn men and women, boys and girls, from hidden evils of which they know not.

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Richard Bennett

## THE GEM PLAYERS WILL TAKE SHOW TO BASSANO

"The Gem Players will present the comedy, 'The Patsy,' in the District U. P. A. Hall on Friday night, 26th of March. This play is a comedy from start to close, and everyone should make an effort to enjoy the laughter and excellent jokes. The play will be followed by a dance with the Duchess orchestra providing the music. \$1.00 admission to the play and 50c for the dance; refreshments 25c.

## Young Speakers Will Compete For Honors

Three pupils of Bassano school, William Castro, Stanley Wight, and Harold Torgan, will compete in the Calgary Herald oratorical contest. The local competition will be held in Bassano school Friday afternoon, of this week at 3 o'clock. The winner will again compete in the district competition here at a later date, and the district winner will go to Calgary for the final competition.

The subject of the contest is 'The Future of Canada.' H. O. Bredin, Wm. McLawa, and H. W. Ford are the judges for the local competition on Friday. The Calgary Herald is sponsoring the contest in southern Alberta.

At the community committee meeting held on Monday evening at the home of D. Douglas. The most important item was the date of the stampede, which was finally settled for July 26th. Note the date.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins were Tuesday evening callers on Mr. and Mrs. E. Small, all enjoying a social evening. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hargreaves and daughters, Percy and Grace, with Tony Anderson and his sister Freda, spent a pleasant Sunday with Billy Caldwell at the home of Mrs. Maguire.

The Gem Community Club plan to give several card parties in the near future in aid of the stampede fund.

Secretary-treasurer Jas. H. Douglas reported he had got in touch with all the original debenture holders of the town, which will enable the new rebuilding scheme to be completed.

E. P. Currie was appointed deputy reeve for the next three months period.

By-laws were passed appointing Jas. H. Douglas secretary-treasurer and assessor; H. W. Ford auditor. P. Mead town overseer, and Thos. Ingersburg town constable.

A number of accounts were read and passed for payment.

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A new stage had been erected for the play, showing a living room set, and with lighting effects, the audience to applaud at the opening of the play.

The success of the performance was largely due to the willing efforts of Miss D. Harrington, who besides taking the leading roles of Patsy, personally trained and directed the play. She was ably assisted by Misses Wainman and Bido. Miss Harrington made a vivacious, roguish Patsy, winning the sympathy of the audience throughout the play. Miss Wainman was excellent as Grace Harrington, showing a careful study of the character of the selfish and arrogant sister. As Mrs. Harrington, wife of a poor salesman, Miss Bido was delightful in her impersonation of the whining wife, whose only trouble seemed to be to try and get into society. C. V. V. M. Harrington, the salesman husband, made a big hit with the appreciative audience by his clever and tactful handling of a rather difficult part. Roy

## COUNCIL HOPES TO REDUCE SCHOOL TAX

Regular Council Meeting Held Last Monday Night

Due to a surplus of school funds last year, the town council hopes to be able to announce a reduction in the school taxes for 1926. Recommendations favoring a reduction have been submitted to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, and the council is now waiting for their reply. This matter was brought up at the regular meeting of the town council last Monday evening, March 22nd.

The reduction, if it is made, will take the form of a reduced assessment on farm lands, and a reduced mill rate on town property. The reduction will not be great, but the amount will be considerable for large property holders.

Free From Contamination The provincial analyst at Edmonton reported on the sample of water which the council sent for general examination. The sample was found to contain no bacteriological evidence of unfavorable contamination.

A tax sale was ordered to be held on Monday, April 30th, at which all improved property liable for sale will be offered at public auction. The list of property will be published before the sale.

Engineer's Report Town Engineer Frank Mead (typed in his report for the month of February). Two leaks were repaired in the water mains; three grates for dog water were repaired; water meter repairs were made; the disposal plant was changed over; The town material and tools, which have been stored in the Exchange barn, have been removed, and the building released to the purchaser, Mrs. Bulger.

Estimates Accepted A letter was read from the Board of Public Utility Commissioners. The board accepted in every detail the estimated receipts and expenditures of the town for the year 1926.

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## Hussar News

HUSSAR, March 25.—Mrs. Ralph Armstrong is visiting in Edmonton this week.

Miss Christina Hansen entertained one of her girl friends at a party Saturday afternoon. Games were played, and a nice lunch served.

Floyd Hiden and bride have moved on the George Gunning farm, which they have bought.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Tracy in the Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cough and two children are back home after spending the winter with relatives in Oregon.

W. Torguey and W. D. Moffat are Calgary victors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stelling and children of Sturgeon, Missouri, have moved here and will live on Mr. Scholten's farm south of town. Four of their children have enrolled in the school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Truganier and children went to Strathmore where they will reside.

Emery LeGrandier was in Bassano Monday night.

Harold Torgan, of Bassano, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bell.

Cliff Flury, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Bassano Hospital on Friday, is doing nicely.

Twenty ladies worked at red flower baskets at the Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. E. LeGrandier Tuesday afternoon.

A large number of men enjoyed Ben Patten's talk on the wheat pool, which was held Monday afternoon.

Chester Thew and Louis Hough furnished music for the dance at the Winter Hills school house Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gunning and Miriam went to Calgary Thursday and left Friday night for Harrington.

Rev. H. Arthur Barton will hold card services here again Sunday evening, March 28th.

A very enjoyable dance was had by all who attended the Leap Year dance Wednesday night. Mrs. John Hark was floor manager until midnight, and Clarence Armstrong after that hour. Music was furnished by the school orchestra. The net proceeds for the school piano fund was \$53.

The John Deere tractor school will be held here at the Community Hall Wednesday, March 31st, beginning at 9 o'clock a.m. All who are interested are invited to attend. Ed Holland is agent for the John Deere machinery.

The young people had a delightful time at their club Saturday evening. A spelling match, mock trial, etc., were held planned for the next meeting, Saturday, March 27th.

James Dundas is here from Loughbe. He will move his family here for the summer and farm his quarter-section near town.

The amateur play, "His Uncle's Niece," will be presented at the Community Hall on Wednesday evening, March 31st, promptly at 9 o'clock. This is a comedy in three acts. Be sure to come. There will be a dance following the play. The Hussar orchestra will give a musical program before the play and between the acts.

Diekmann, the rich Tony Anderson, proved himself to be an ideal Tony, while Joe Maguire, the catch-of-the-week, as Billy Caldwell, gave a clever impersonation of the rich society young man. Bill Pollock as lawyer O'Flaherty, and later as the Taxi, made an excellent lawyer, but a little of the amateur was to be noticed in any of the performers.

Special musical items were given and also between the acts were supplied by Misses G. Forsyth, L. Pollock, Mrs. Pollock, Don Forney, and J. Johnson.

After the play a supper was served, followed by a dance in which almost two hundred persons took part. Roy

## WORK GOES AHEAD ON GRADE & BRIDGE

Steam Shovel Day on Grade Along Red River for New Rosemary Northern Line—Good Working on Bridge

Between fifty and sixty men are engaged in the concrete construction work on the railway bridge at the Bull Pound, north of Rosemary. The Bull Pound is on the Red Deer river and is the point at which the new C. P. R. Rosemary-Northern line crosses the river. The bridge girders are being put in the concrete pier, and this work will be completed before the river ice goes out in the spring. E. G. Croesman has the contract for the work on the Bull Pound bridge, and for the bridge at Rosedale. Flint & Co. are the contractors of the bridge at Rosedale.

Material for the Bull Pound bridge is being freighted overland from Mill 13, the end of steel on the line running north from Rosemary. Mill 13 is as far as the grading was completed out from Rosemary last fall when freeze-up came, and the steel was laid to that point. As soon as the weather permits in the spring, grading will begin from Mill 13 right on to the bridge. Some of the work will now be finished, but there are vacant stretches where there is no grade.

Steam shovels are working on the grade along the river between the Bull Pound and Rosedale. This is nearly all heavy work, with deep cuts and fills, and most of it has to be done with steam shovels. Instruction for the crews doing this work are brought down from Drumblair on the river line where the road is perfectly level, and smooth as a concrete highway.

The International Harvester Co. makers of McCormick-Deering machinery, will hold a school of instruction for all school of instruction in this month. Wednesday, March 21st, is the date for Hussar, and the school will be held in the Hussar Community hall. The school will have a two-day school, Thursday and Friday, March 22nd and 23rd, and the instruction will be given in the new Machine Community Hall over, no admission being charged.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT

Grade I, Beginners  
1 Tommy Pragnell, 2 Clara Morrison, 3 Richard Trapp, 4 Nellie Kung, 5 Bobbie Gerrie, 6 Rosie Zelenski, 7 Violet Tarrill.

Grade I, Senior  
"Jimmie" Kamp 94.5, Archie Macdonald 92.4, Carolyn Becker 90, Kathleen Smith 89.5, Jimmie Holmes 88.5, Mary McDonald 88.5, Helen Picken and Shirley Holmes 87.5, Opal Taylor 87, Violet Bacon 86.5, Jean Macdonald 85.5, Reuben Landisford 84.5, Edward Young 82.5, Ross Clevere 76.5, Flora Gerrie 84.5, Irene Taylor 84.5, Mary Little 85, Freda Sheldahl 81.

Grade II "A"  
Donald MacLean 96.5, Annie Macdonald 96.5, Myra Sambrook 96.5, Peter Angell 96.5, Jack Picken 96, Quentin Allan and Tom Lawrie 96.5, Alice Lippert and Henry Lippert 96, Lois Hunter 92, Goldie Smith and Nola Love 91, Oscar Jangberg 90.1, Amend Zelenski 89.5, Bobbie Bacon 89, Norman Little 86, Bobbie Travis not ranked.

Grade II "B"  
Jim Jackson 91.5, George Lovell 88.5, Randal Zelenski 74.5, Ralph Gerrie 64.5, John Emerson 64, Geo. Marquardt 63.4, Mary Sheldahl 58.4, Yerna Hermannson 58.5, Bobbie Pragnell 58.5, Cornelius Kamp 60.4.

Grade III  
Victor Agate 88, Betty Pragnell 87.5, Charlie Hough 84.4, Jack Gragg 89.8, Stanley Agate 77.4, Billy Smith 74.7, Dorothy Becker 71.6, Jean Ungars 71.5, Tina 71.5, Jean Fraser 71.4, Lois Arriens 70.7, Randolph Zelenski 69.7, Robert Becker 69.4, Albert Ingersburg 64.4, Norman West 62.4, Richard Bond 59.8, Pamela Gilkes 58.5, Raymond Marriot 43.25, Dale Pollock 41.4, John Sills 38.7.

Grade IV  
Ben Palmer 89.5, Gordon Smith 87.5, Dorcasia Hall 79.85, Betty Johnston 79.1, Willie Margardt 75.7, Martha Sheldahl 75.28, Donald Agate 70, Elnora Marriot and Donald Morrison 70, Jean Johnston 69.85, Douglas Ford 64.7, John Bacon 64, Jack Smith 62.7, Thelma Love 62, Edwin Clark 61.2, Clifford Johnston 58.4, Helen Travis about 57.

Grade V  
"Porcupine" Playlet 91.8, Dorothy Pragnell 85.8, Harry Holmes 85.8, Albert Johnston 85, Hazel Barlow 84, Huxley Johnston 82.5, Margaret

Becher 82.5, Ruth Torgan 81.5, Geo. Stiller 80.9, Betty Jane Fraser 78.7, Lydia Zelenski 78.5, Pauline Cadot 77.7, Lowell Sambrook 75.7, Jessie Maguire 75.5, Fanciulo Powell 72, Ellis Angell 72, Henrietta Deegan 72, Donald Maurer 71.4, Graham Tech 71.4, Harry Pragnell 71, Elnora Sheldahl 70.5, Arthur Arriens 62, Herbert Landisford 55.8, Roy Gardell 43.8. Not ranked—Gordon Hobbes and Floyd Hobbes.

Grade VI  
Phyllis Palmer 84, Ida Ingersburg 80, Margaret Maclean 80.5, Christina Wick 74.4, Jim McDonald 74.5, Wallace Deegan 53.8, Freda Leonard 84, Teddy Sills 83.5, Patricia Hunter 82.5, Arven Sills 75, Peggy Culbertson 78.8, Bob Morrison 78.5, Bonita Johnson 64.7, Jim Culbertson 66, Annie Ravay 64, Waldorf Hermannson 63.5, Not Ranked—Jack Agate and James Vermilion.

Grade VII  
Roy Gayford 77.5, Winifred Playlet 77.5, Annie Ungars 81.6, Peter Macdonald 82.2, David Macdonald 80.4, Jval Varren 80.5, George Skott 78.5, Jessie Agate 78.5, Fanciulo Powell 84.4, Austin Ford 64, Joe Agate 52.8.

Grade VIII  
John Plummer 92.4, Alois Hopkins 90, Quentin Bramley 89.4, Agnes DaSilva 84.8, Donald Powell 78.8, Rodney Jackson 74.4, Robert Rathbone 74.4, Little Rayner 63.2, Jean Johnston 62.5, Helen MacGregor 67.6, Elvret Sammons 61.

Grade IX  
Eleanor Hoffelbauer 84, Florence Leonard 84, Ida Hermannson 80, Ethel Leonard 75, Florence Branson 75, Donald Walker 70, Marjorie Greaves 67, Robert Donaldson 66, Grace Darlich 61, Betty Johnston 61, Arthur Simpson 67.

Grade XI  
Mary Cathers 85, William Cathers 85, Arthur Bennett 76, Roy Hayes 74, Helen Johnston 67, Roy Jackson 61, Allan Fraser 60, Gladys Hunter 49.

Tommy Sutherland's Big Auction Sale, March 25th two and a half miles north & one mile west of Majorville









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1927 COAL PRODUCTION  
SETS NEW RECORD  
Alberta production of coal during 1927 has established a new high yearly record for the province, according to the report of the mines branch presented to the legislature during the past week. The total output of coal for 1927 was 5,365,780 tons, which is 27,867 tons greater than the previous record year, 1926. The 1927 production exceeded that of 1925 by 677,873 tons.

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**BASSANO HOSPITAL  
KEEPS HOME  
ACCOMMODATION**

The Bassano Hospital is not large enough to accommodate the number of patients who seek admission to this institution. Very often the hospital is full to overflowing, and beds have to be placed in the corridors to take care of the patients.

This condition has prevailed for the past couple of years. While the hospital is not always full, there are times when more patients are admitted than the number the hospital was built for. Under these conditions it is a hardship on the medical and nursing staff. The patients must be given the best of care and attention, and it is very difficult to do this when accommodation is cramped.

The hospital board has sought to relieve this condition by urging to the department of public health for permission to provide more accommodation by building a new wing. The department has refused to grant this permission, and so the hospital still carries on under a handicap.

In spite of the handicap for permission to build, the hospital board still hope to persuade the health department that more accommodation must be provided. The hospital district is in splendid financial condition, and have sufficient money on hand to take care of all expenditure involved in providing the additional accommodation.

The financial statement and auditor's report of the hospital district will be published in next week's issue of The Mail. This will show the strong financial condition of the hospital district, and will give the municipality an idea of how well the district is to take care of the cost of enlarging the hospital.

Wait for the publication of this report. We will also, next week, go further into the matter of more hospital accommodation.

**THE GOOD  
SEED CAMPAIGN**

The provincial government is, now conducting a campaign advocating the farmers of the province to plant seed grain of the very best quality obtainable.

The principle is a fine one, and the plan is receiving the support of seed growers associations, U. P. A. locals, the C. P. R., boards of trade, and other organizations. With the support of these societies and organizations the campaign should accomplish much toward improving the quantity and quality of Alberta grown crops.

In past years much dirty and inferior seed grain has been shipped into the province. Many weeds foreign to Alberta have thus been introduced on the farms here, and it is even said that some of this dirty seed was purchased through the aid of the provincial government.

The present weed problem in Alberta is largely due to the sowing of dirty seed grain, and if the present better seed campaign does nothing more than check the further spreading of weeds it will have accomplished something very worth while.

**A GOOD STORY**

He lost the game;  
No matter for that;  
He kept his temper,  
He swung his bat  
And cheered the winners—  
A better way  
Than lose his temper  
And win the day.

**Brain Food**

See the forest on these hills,  
Destined for the paper mills;  
Pines amid these woodland scenes—  
Here are future magazines.  
There a sturdy giant falls:  
That will be the new McCall's.  
Here's the lumber for a dry foot  
In the Literary Digest.  
See that pine against the sky?  
That is Harper's for July.  
See that landmark in the canyon?  
That's the Woman's Home Companion.

There's a fellow cutting spruce:  
Let us ask him for whose use.  
What! It's for the Mercury?  
Woodman, woodman, spare that tree!

**Let It Ride**

Bobby was getting impatient with his sweetheart, and said:—"Bobby, how is our romance going to end?"  
"Why, Bobby, why did you go and bring that up? You don't want to skip to the last chapter yet, do you?"

**Speaking of Laps**

"I was reared in the lap of luxury," said the millionaire's daughter.  
"Try also for a change," said the impetuous young man.

**HERE'S A NEW FORD JOHN**

An old man with his livered chauffeur, was howling along in his 1925 car down the highway. He noticed an hour. Suddenly another car whizzed past. The old man asked his chauffeur what kind of a car it was.  
"One of these new Fords," was the reply.

"Well, James," the man said, "speed up and pass him. We can't be humiliated by a Ford."  
The chauffeur speeded up, but it was all the big car could do to come abreast of the Ford. It could not master the speed necessary to pass. The driver of the Ford leaned out:

"Say, mister, do you know anything about this new Ford?"

"Why, something. What's the matter?"

"Well, call me how to get this darned thing out of second."

Moring young man (holding fort to pretty girl):—"You know, I'm funny like that—I always throw myself into anything I undertake."

Pretty Girl (sweetly):—"How splendid! Why don't you dig a well?"

Visitor:—"Will that large group of rough looking men be tried at once?"  
Court officer:—"Madam, that's the jury."

**BIG DEMAND FOR FARM LEASES**

Some eight hundred individuals in Alberta, who intend to act for farm lease on about and lake front lands owned by the Dominion government are now waiting for final action at Ottawa. It is announced by Hon. C. G. Hoadley, Negotiations which have been going on for some time between the provincial and federal governments as to the basis upon which licenses of these lands will be given to the province by the department of the interior, have now reached the point where applications for sub-leases to provide operations are being considered, and it is expected that this step will be taken shortly.

Arrangements have been conducted by which taking rates on lakes on which for farming leases will be given, will be reserved, and in cases where neighborhood fishing privileges of long standing are concerned, the provincial government will hold the lands under its own lease and will not sub-let.

The Lady:—"Has anyone offered you work?"

The Tramp:—"Only once, ma'am. Apart from that I've met with nothing but kindness."

**HIGH VALUE OF ALBERTA FARM LANDS**

Alberta farm lands in occupation in 1927 are valued at an average of \$25 per acre as compared with \$25 per acre in 1925, according to the Dominion government crop report issued from Ottawa on February 24. This valuation includes both improved and unimproved lands, as well as dwelling houses, and farm buildings. This report gives an average for all of Canada as \$25 per acre, as compared with \$27 in 1925, and \$28 in 1923. The 1927 figures for the other provinces are given as follows: British Columbia \$28; Ontario \$25; Quebec \$27; Prince Edward Island \$21; Nova Scotia \$27; New Brunswick \$29; Manitoba \$27, and Saskatchewan \$25.

Judge:—"To Irish prisoner—"Well, and what brought you here?"  
Two policemen, "ye honor."  
"Drunk, I suppose."  
"Begorra, they were both of them."

"Ten shillings or a month in jail."  
"Thank you kindly. I'll take the money."

Modern Solomon  
Occulation is the sincerest form of flattery.

—Life.

**WHEN BETTER BEER IS MADE--  
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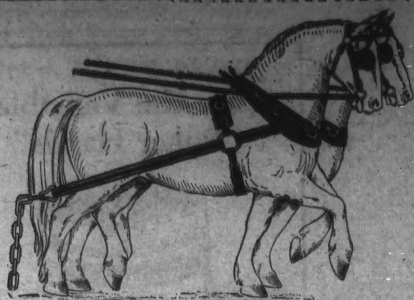












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Salmon, tall pink,	19c
Jello, with cup or saucer, 3 for	29c

**JACK TORGAN**

GROCERIES and MEN'S WEAR

WHO LOWERED THE COST OF LIVING FOR THIS DISTRICT

### Countess News

COUNTRESS, March 6.—J. B. Keir, H. Cowen and J. Armstrong spent the week-end in Calgary.

Royal Burrows has been in Canada the past week, disposing of his stock and farm implements.

The Countess who attended the Gem play "The Patsy" report a very enjoyable evening spent.

J. B. Keir returned from Calgary Sunday with a new Hudson super six sedan.

Madame, Gamble, Slum, and Keir spent an afternoon with Mrs. E. R. Heldt last week.

Those standing first in their classes at Countess school for the month of February are as follows: Grade 1 Carl Gamble, Grade 2 Rhoda Keir, Grade 4 Jeanne Gamble, Grade 3 Konsta Cowen, Grade 2 Teddy Robinson, Jr., 1 Kathleen Keir, Jr., 1 Alice Cowen.

Mrs. May Burrows has moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burrows to spend a few weeks.

Miss L. Bingham was a visitor at the Dingley home on Saturday.

Mr. Smith, representative of Hart-Parr Co., was in the district Wednesday.

Mr. Dingley lost a valuable cow this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Newman are reported to be on their way home from the Old Country where they have been spending the winter.

Mr. Shupe was on the sick list Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowen, who have been in the east for an extended time, returned home for a short visit with their son H. Cowen, before returning to their home at Makepeace.

Mildred Ferguson spent the week-end here with her parents, returning Sunday to Gem where she is attending high school.

Jack Ferguson has purchased a new set of drums. Mr. Ferguson and Edith Belbridge, of Gem, furnished the music for the dance at Gem Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cowen entertained a number of Calcutta friends Tuesday evening at a whist party.

The honours were won by Mrs. E. R. Heldt and J. D. Dingley, and the consolation went to J. E. Heldt and Miss Bingham.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by all. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, who was assisted by Mrs. M. H. Gamble.

Theresa Burrows was out of school on account of illness this week.

The A. P. elevator agent was at Countess on Wednesday.

### WILLIAM HAYNES PROVIDES THRILLS

William Haynes has given audiences the thrill of a big football game in "Browns of Harvard," and the excitement of baseball in "Bliss, Kelly Slide." He has given audiences a thrill of pride in the nation's young manhood in "Toll it to the Marines!"

Now he stars in an even better picture, "West Point," which is showing in the Gem Theatre Friday and Saturday of this week, March 6th and 10th.

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Lord's Day, March 11th, 1925

Sunday School 11 a.m. Divine Service 7.30 p.m. Subject—"The Sweet Story of Ruth."

Choir Practice Monday 7.45. Church Communicants' Class Tuesday at 4.30 p.m. in The Manse.

Y. P. B. Wednesday in the Manse at 7.45 p.m.

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#### Canned Fruits, Finest Quality, No. 2 Tins

- 1 Tin Sliced Peaches
- 1 Tin Apples
- 1 Tin Pears
- 1 Tin Sliced DeMonte Pineapple

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- 1 Tin Pumpkin, size 2 1/2
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- 1 Tin Wax Beans, size 2
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